

Application No. 09/899,412
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Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A method of treating migraines, comprising:

- a) providing i) a patient having one or more symptoms of a migraine and ii) a fast dissolve formulation consisting of one active ingredient and one or more inactive ingredients, wherein said active ingredient is dihydroergotamine and one of said inactive ingredients is a pH adjusting agent;
- b) administering said formulation to said patient sublingually under conditions such that said one or more symptoms of said migraine are reduced.

Claim 2 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein said dihydroergotamine is a pharmaceutically accepted salt.

Claim 3 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein said dihydroergotamine is a pharmaceutically accepted base.

Claim 4 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein said sublingual administration is via a liquid.

Claim 5 (original): The method of Claim 4, wherein said liquid is administered by a spray.

Claim 6 (original): The method of Claim 4, wherein said liquid is administered by drop.

Claim 7 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein said sublingual administration is via a paste or gel.

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Claim 8 (original): The method of Claim 1, wherein said sublingual administration is via a tablet or compressed powder.

Claim 9 (currently amended): A method of treating migraines, comprising:

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- a) providing i) a patient having one or more symptoms of a migraine and ii) a fast dissolve formulation consisting of first and second active ingredients and one or more inactive ingredients, wherein said first active ingredient is dihydroergotamine and said second active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of analgesics and anesthetics;
 - b) administering said formulation to said patient sublingually under conditions such that said one or more symptoms of said migraine are reduced.

Claim 10 (canceled without prejudice)

Claim 11 (canceled without prejudice)

Claim 12 (canceled without prejudice)

Claim 13 (previously presented): The method of Claim 1, wherein one of said inactive ingredients is an effervescent agent.

Claim 14 (canceled without prejudice)

Claim 15 (canceled without prejudice)